

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC§102 as being anticipated by Enomoto et al.

'910.

Claim 2 was allowable if rewritten as an independent claim.

Claims 3-5 were withdrawn from further consideration in response to a restriction requirement

Claim 2 is amended by this Amendment A.

After entry of this Amendment A, Claim 2 (currently amended) remains pending in the application.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claim 2 has been rewritten as an independent claim reciting all the limitations of the parent claim.

Summary of the Invention

A male compression-type coaxial cable connector having a leading end, a trailing end and integral construction is described. The connector includes a nut at the leading end of the connector that is adapted to matingly engage an F, BNC, SMB, MCX or RCA-type female connector. The connector also has a tubular shank, a slotted body portion concentrically

mounted to overlie the tubular shank and a compression sleeve slidably attached to the slotted body portion the compression sleeve being disposed on the trailing end of the connector. The trailing end of the connector has an axial conduit therein concentrically disposed around the tubular shank. When the prepared end of a coaxial cable is inserted into the trailing end of the axial conduit and fully advanced into the axial conduit, subsequent advancement of the compression sleeve over the slotted body portion, with the assistance of a compression tool, compresses the cable jacket and braid providing secure attachment. The elongate slots in the body portion provide a viewing window that enables an installer to visually determine when the prepared end of the cable is fully inserted into the axial conduit prior to compression.

The Rejection Under 35USC§102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35USC§102 as being anticipated by Enomoto et al. US Patent 5,195,910. Briefly, Enomoto et al. discloses a splice for attaching a first coaxial cable to a second. The splice has at least one viewing window therein operable for enabling an installer to visually determine when the dielectric layer is correctly positioned within the axial bore of the splice. The '910 patent further discloses a coaxial cable connector (100) having viewing ports (113) in a sleeve portion (105). Claim 1 is canceled by this Amendment A.

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration, favorable action and early allowance and publication of this application are respectfully requested. If there are any minor matters remaining, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned by phone

so that possible minor changes may be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully,

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1. Urgent and Time Sensitive Communication to the Examiner
2. Amendment A responsive to the Office Action dated 1/21/05.

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